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SUBJ: VISIT OF US DELEGATION FOR OPENING CEREMONIES

REF: DAKAR 4165 AND 4229

1. SUMMARY- OFFICIAL US PARTY HEADED BY DR ROBERT WHITE, ADMINISTRATOR, NOAA, PARTICIPATED IN FORMAL CEREMONIES OPENING PROJECT GATE JULY 23. PARTY CALLED ON PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND OTHER SENIOR GOS OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MIN PUBLIC WORKS DIARAF DIOUF AND DIRGEN FOR SCIENCE DJIBRIL SENE. PROJECT GATE SHIPS, PLANES AND FACILITIES WERE INSPECTED BY PARTY, AND EXTENSIVE BRIEFINGS WERE HELD WITH GATE SCIENTISTS. IN OTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH HIGH GOS OFFICIALS, PARTY HEARD ABOUT GOS PLANS TO INCREASE NUMBER OF SENEGALESE SCIENTISTS, IMPROVE SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION, DEVELOP SOLAR ENERGY ON MODEST SCALE AND APPLY ERTS SATELLITE

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TECHNOLOGY IN VARIOUS FIELDS, INCLUDING MAPPING AND HYDROLOGY.

PARTY VISITED DROUGHT REFUGEE CENTER AT GAO, MALI, AND HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH HEADS MALI AND UPPER VOLTA WEATHER SERVICES JULY 27-28, AND DEPARTED DAKAR FOR AZORES TO VISIT US-FRENCH PROJECT FAMOUS JULY 29, GOS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED WITH HIGH-LEVEL OF US OFFICIAL PARTY, AND WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECT OF MUTUAL INTEREST. END SUMMARY.

2. SENGHOR, IN REMARKS AT OPEING CEREMONY, PRAISED WMO FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN MAKING MODERN METEOROLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN MEETING WITH DEL JULY 23, PRES. SENGHOR STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PROJECT GATE TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WEATHER. HE HAILED DEMONSTRATION THROUGH GATE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE SPIRIT, AND RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE OF US SUPPORT FOR UNDERTAKING. (SEE REFTELS).

3. AFTER DEPARTURE OF GOV. PETERSON FOR LAGOS, NJAMENA, AND AGADEZ, JULY 24, AMB AND REMAINING SENIOR MEMBERS OF PARTY SPENT MORNING OF JULY 25 WITH GOS DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH DISCUSSION NUMBER OF TOPICS WITH DIRGEN DJIBRIL SENE AND HIS DEPUTY, SIMON PEREIRA BARRETO. (SEPTEL FOLLOWS.) SENE DESCRIBED SENEGAL'S SMALL BUT PROMISING SOLAR ENERGY RESEARCH PROGRAM. COOPERATION WITH US ALSO DISCUSSED INCLUDING POSSIBILITIES OF AID IN APPLYING ERTS SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF LINKS BETWEEN SCIENCE FACULTY AT DAKAR AND MAJOR US UNIVERSITY.

4. DR GEORGE LOW, DEP ADMINISTRATOR, NASA, AN AMBASSADOR CONFERRED WITH PUBLIC WORKS MIN DIARAF DIOUF AND PANEL OF GOS EXPERTS FROM MIN OF PUBLIC WORKS, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, PLAN AND ARMED FORCES, AND FROM GEOGRAPHIC AND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES ON POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS ERTS SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY. SATELLITE'S CAPABILITIES WERE COMPARED WITH LIST OF POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS SUGGESTED BY SENEGALESE EXPERTS, WHICH INCLUDED SATELLITE IMAGERY OR AERIAL PHOTOS FOR PLANNING MANANTALI AND KAYES DAMS, FOR MAP MAKING AND GEOLOGICAL CHARTING, AND FOR TOWN PLANNING. DR LOW SAID THAT MOST OF INFORMATION IN PHOTOGRAPHS CAN BE GOTTEN THROUGH USE OF SIMPLY-CONSTRUCTED GLASS TABLE AND HE OFFERED NASA ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING SENEGALESE ANALYSTS IN SATELLITE DATA INTER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRETATION. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, OF DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING FULL BENEFIT OF THIS SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY WITHOUT THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF DATA BY COMPUTERS. LOW SAID SENEGAL COULD CONTRACT FOR SOME DATA ANALYSIS WITH US FIRMS, BUT GOS SHOULD CONSIDER EXTENSIVE USE OF GOOD AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY INSTEAD TO ACCOMPLISH MISSIONS LAID OUT AT MEETING.

5. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF PARTY DURING WEEK INCLUDED MEETING OF

DR H GUYFORD STEVER, DIRECTOR NSF, WITH DEAN OF DAKAR UNIV. SCIENCE FACULTY SOULEYMANE NIANH ON SCIENCE EDUCATION. AMBASSADOR FRANCIS L. DALE, US PERM REP, GENEVA, MET HEADS OF DAKAR OFFICES OF UN HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES, UNDP AND UNESCO, AND DISCUSSED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF DROUGHT, INCLUDING WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, FOOD TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTION PROBLEMS, REFUGEE CENTERS, AND RESETTLEMENT EFFORTS. DR WHITE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY INSPECTED GATE SHIPS, AIRCRAFT AND CONTROL CENTER FACILITIES, AND RECEIVED EXTENSIVE BRIEFINGS FROM GATE MISSION SCIENTISTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

6. DRS. WHITE, LOW, STEVER, SPENGLER (AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY) AND AMB. DALE VISITED GAO, MALI ON JUL 27, AND OUAGADOUGOU JULY 27-28. PARTY RECEIVED AT GAO BY GOV KOKE DEMBELE OF MALI'S VI REGION, WHO PERSONALLY CONDUCTED TOUR OF GAO DROUGHT REFUGEES CAMP. GOV. ANSWERED NUMEROUS QUESTIONS ABOUT CAMP CONDITIONS WITH FRANKNESS, AND INVITED MEMBERS OF PARTY TO TAKE PHOTOS. DR WHITE HAD BRIEF CONVERSATIONS WITH HEADS OF WEATHER SERVICES IN MALI (MAMADOU SASSAKO) AND UPPER VOLTA (JEAN-PIERRE OUEDRAOGO). BOTH ASKED DR WHITE TO LOOK INTO REQUESTS THEY HAD MADE TO AID AND WMO'S VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR METEOROLOGICAL EQUIPMENT. OFFICIALS OF THE HYDRAULIC AGENCY (EAUX ET FORETS) OF UPPER VOLTA EXPRESSED TO DR WHITE AN INTEREST IN HAVING AN INTERNATIONAL WEATHER MODIFICATION EXPERIMENT OVER UPPER VOLTA IF WMO OR ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCY IS PLANNING ONE. CEQ CHAIRMAN PETERSON RE-JOINED PARTY AT OUAGADOUGOU, AND RETURNED WITH IT TO DAKAR JULY 28.

7. WHITE AND OTHER PARTY MEMBERS BRIEFED US PRESS ON JULY 27, AND HELD CONFERENCE FOR INTERNATIONAL PRESS, INCLUDING SENEGALESE TV, ON JULY 29 JUST BEFORE LEAVING FOR AZORES TO VISIT PROJECT FAMOUS. GATE ATTRACTED MUCH INTEREST IN PRESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DURING THE WEEK WITH FULL ATTENTION PAID TO IMPORTANCE OF AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION TO GATE AND TO PRESENCE OF LARGE AND HIGH-LEVEL US DELEGATION. SENEGALESE OFFICIALS EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION OF US EFFORT IN PROJECT GATE, AND BOTH GOS OFFICIALS AND US PARTY FELT DISCUSSIONS USEFUL. VISIT OF US PARTY OFFERED OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT SENEGAL'S CAPABILITIES AND INTERESTS IN SCIENCE, AND ABOUT POSSIBLE US-SENEGALESE COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC FIELDS. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW-UP ON SUGGESTIONS MADE DURING PARTY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH GOS AND RECOMMEND ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE. MEMORANDA OF CONVERSATIONS BEING POUCHED. AGGREY

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